

MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY



COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT Division of the Fire Marshal



GENERAL

- ☐ City of Colorado Springs - City Clerk's Office, Medical Marijuana Business Licensing
<http://www.springsgov.com/mmj>
- ☐ Identify one or more activities at the facility: Cultivation, Infused Product, Dispensary-Retail. Typically an interior remodel - change of occupancy.
Occupancy classifications:
Dispensary-Retail = M
Cultivation and/or Infused product = F2
- ☐ Identify all cultivation rooms and process rooms.

PREMISE IDENTIFICATION

- ☐ New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.
- ☐ The rear door entrance of access doors of all malls, strip centers, commercial center buildings and other areas with multi-tenant spaces shall be identified with the appropriate address number and business name. The Colorado Springs Fire Department may require the installation of address numbers and/or letters on other locations to prevent confusion in the event of an emergency.

ELECTRICAL

Power sources shall comply with Section 605 of the International Fire Code (IFC), especially with regard to the use of extension cords and multi-plug adapters.

- ☐ Open Electrical junction boxes and open wiring splices are prohibited.
- ☐ Multi Plug Adaptors shall be listed for their intended use.

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- ☐ Relocatable power strips shall be directly connected to permanently installed receptacle.
- ☐ Extension cords and flexible cords shall not substitute for permanent wiring; shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceiling or floors, or under doors or floor coverings. They shall only be used on a temporary bases to supply portable equipment.
- ☐ Extension cords shall not be subject to environmental damage or impact.
- ☐ Electrical and Lighting shall comply with the National Electrical Code and the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department – Electrical Department.

INTERIOR FINISH

Interior finishes, to include wall coverings and window treatments shall comply with Table 806.3 of the IFC.

- ☐ Plastic sheeting or tarp (aka Panda sheeting) shall meet the requirements of the International Building Code (IBC), Chapter 8 for Flame Spread and Smoke Developed Index (provide documentation of Registered Flame Resistant-Retardant products).

EXITS

- ☐ Egress doors shall readily open without a key or special knowledge.
- ☐ Exits and locking devices shall be in accordance with the IBC and IFC.
- ☐ Means of egress doors shall not be concealed by curtains, drapes, decorations or similar materials.
- ☐ Exterior doors and their function shall not be eliminated without prior approval. Exterior doors that have been rendered nonfunctional and that retain a functional door exterior appearance shall have a sign affixed to the exterior side of the door with the words THIS DOOR BLOCKED.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- ☐ Processes involved in the cultivation or infused product facility may have specific regulations. Report all hazardous materials to the CSFD for evaluation, including compressed gases involved in the process. Some examples may include but are not limited to: butane, isopropanol, carbon dioxide and or carbon dioxide generators/burners/cylinders, hydrogen peroxide, sulfur evaporators, fertilizers, pesticides.
- ☐ Chemical inventory reporting and Annual Operational Hazardous Materials Permit application are found at the CSFD website: <https://hammers.springsgov.com>.

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- ☐ Provide material safety data sheets (MSDS) on site for all materials stored, handled and/or processed.
- ☐ Individual containers of hazardous materials, cartons or packages shall be marked or labeled in accordance with applicable federal regulations. Buildings, rooms and spaces containing hazardous materials shall be identified by hazard warning signs in accordance with the IFC.
- ☐ Facilities shall declare the storage and use of small Insulated Carbon Dioxide Systems 100 to 1000 lbs. containers and/or Carbon Dioxide Generators.
 - Gaseous Carbon Dioxide is an asphyxiant gas and exposure to high concentrations may cause toxic effects including asphyxiation. To provide for the safety of building occupants and emergency personnel, ventilation in accordance with the IFC Sections 3007.2, 2704.3 or 2705.1.9 is required where concentrations of this gas are stored or present. All new or proposed building ventilation system designs shall submit for review and permit approval to the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. See CSFD Administrative Ruling 2011-1, Requirements for small CO₂ systems used in beverage dispensing.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- ☐ A "2A -10B:C" fire extinguisher is to be installed in LOW TO MODERATE HAZARD OCCUPANCIES at a rate of 1 unit per 3,000 square feet, AND a maximum of a 75-ft travel distance to an extinguisher.
- ☐ Extinguishers must be installed in highly visible and accessible locations, never in a dead-end area, and always try to place them near an exit path-way or at an exit(s). Mount 4" off floor to a maximum of 5 ft. to the top of the fire extinguisher. (HINT: About waist high.)

APPLIANCES

Appliances shall be listed or approved by the AHJ and installed per the manufacturer's instructions and local or state regulations.

- ☐ Examples: Carbon dioxide generators, heaters, humidifiers, dehumidifiers.